Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I think it may be necessary to construct a bund of about 5' high.

IRRIGATION BOARD—PARTICULARS REGARDING

55. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of Irrigation Boards constituted by the Government under the Cochin Irrigation Act;

(*b*) how many times in 1114 have these Boards met;

(*c*) the amount spent in 1114 towards the travelling allowance of the members of these Board;

(*d*) whether the Government have accepted and undertaken any work in 1114 as recommended by such Boards;

(*e*) if answer to (*d*) is in affirmative, the number of such works undertaken, the names of such works, the amounts spent on them, and whether the works have been completed ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) 3 (three).

(*b*) Trichur group met 3 times, Chittur group 2 times and the Cochin-Kanayannur group 2 times in 1114.

(*c*) Rs. 319—5—0.

(*d*) No concrete recommendation for undertaking any work has yet been made by these Boards.

(*e*) No answer in view of the answer to (*d*).

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* May I know Sir, whether the Irrigation Board of Chittur has made a recommendation for undertaking the work of irrigation near Pothundi ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes, the question is being investigated.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara):* Is it a fact that that work was ordered to be begun and that after a week or two it was stopped ; I mean the work of surveying and estimating.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Sir, the work of surveying was started. But another urgent petty work had to be investigated and I have ordered the Surveyor looking after the Pothundi Irrigation Scheme to be transferred to that work.

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Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): Is it not a fact that before they ordered this work of Pothundi scheme, there was a bigger scheme for which an estimate of about 10 lakhs of rupees was submitted some years back?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): Yes.

Mr. A. L. Antony (*Irinjalakkuda*): How many years is it since the work has been begun?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): About one year.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): May I know whether the Government have any idea of starting that major scheme or do they intend prosecuting the minor scheme which is now ordered to be investigated?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): A decision on that question will be made only after the present investigation has been completed.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal (*Vadakkancheri*): What exactly is the nature of the work done by these three Boards?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): They are giving their advice to Government on schemes already investigated by Government and also on proposals they receive from several Panchayats.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): Are there cases where the proposals of these Boards have been accepted?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): It is not yet time. We are considering their proposals.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*): May I know whether before any work is commenced the representations of the people of the locality will not be taken into consideration?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): Certainly. All irrigation works will be widely published in the Gazette and objections, if any, will be received and considered and then only the work will be started.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): How many members are there in each of these Boards?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): I want notice. The number is different in different places.

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Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I shall give figures for one Taluk. There are two members as far as Trichur group is concerned.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* That is not correct. There are 3 members in Chittur.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur)*: In the face of these figures, may I suggest to the Government, Sir, to increase the number of members for each Taluk so that each member may have a more detailed information regarding the localities.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The question will be considered.

KARUVANNUR RIVER—BUNDS IN

56. Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how much water is stored every year in Karuvannur river by the construction of bunds at Kottengode Valavu (കോട്ടൻകോട്ട വാളവു) and Illikkal (ഇല്ലിക്കൽ);

(*b*) what is the annual expense for the bunds;

(*c*) will it not be convenient to store more water by these bunds;

(*d*) if answer to (*c*) is in the affirmative, what will be the amount that the Government will have to spend if water to the height of 2 feet more is to be stored?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) About 6 feet of water is stored in each *chira.*

(*b*) The annual expenditure varies according to the bid amount. In 1115 the expenditure would be Rs. 360 for Kottenkottu valavu *chira* and for Illikkal, Karuvannur and Thamaravalayam *chiras* it would be Rs. 974.

(*c*) It is not possible to store more water since the existing sluices will not permit this.

(*d*) No answer in view of answer to (*c*).

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* May I know, Sir, whether if more water is stored agriculture in those places can be saved to a greater extent?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The present report shows that there is no necessity of storing more water there.

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